

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2985 - SB 3111

March 10, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a public employee, whether municipal, county, state or federal, to purchase a wholesaler's or retailer's license if such employee does not have a duty to vote for, overlook, or in any manner superintend the sale of alcoholic beverages. Prohibits a wholesale or retail license from being issued to public employees who work in a department which has a duty to regulate any portion of a business which sells alcoholic beverages. Prohibits any individual prohibited from attaining a wholesale or retail license from directly or indirectly owning interest in any wholesale or retail business that sells alcoholic beverages. Authorizes an individual who holds ownership in a business that sells alcoholic beverages including beer, to be issued an employee or server permit, unless during the period of ownership such individual has had such permit or license revoked by the issuing authority.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission has the structure and staff in place for licensing the additional individuals. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation.
- The number of municipal, county, state, and federal employees, as well as individuals currently holding ownership rights in retail or wholesale alcoholic beverage businesses, who will now be eligible for issuance of a server, retail, or wholesale ABC license is unknown, but reasonably estimated to be not significant.
- It is estimated that the number of employment opportunities relative to the alcoholic beverage or beer industry will not significantly increase due to the provisions of this bill; therefore, any increase in server permits issued will not be significant.
- It is estimated that the interest in acquiring ownership rights in such businesses may increase, but any such increase will not likely affect the current number of businesses that sell alcoholic beverages, retail or wholesale.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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